

## **EXHIBIT A**

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10 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
11 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

12 JOSE ACOSTA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 K MART CORPORATION, a foreign  
16 corporation, K-MART CENTER  
17 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, an Arizona  
18 limited partnership, BCI COCA-COLA  
19 BOTTLING COMPANY OF LOS  
20 ANGELES, a foreign corporation,  
21 COCA-COLA REFRESHMENTS U.S.A.  
22 INC., a foreign corporation, JOHN DOE  
23 I-X, BLACK & WHITE ENTITY I-X,

24 Defendants.

No. CV 2017-006938

COMPLAINT

(Tort, Non-Motor Vehicle)

25 COMES NOW Plaintiff Jose Acosta, through undersigned counsel, and for his  
26 cause of action in this matter, states and alleges as follows:

27 INTRODUCTION

28 1. This is an action for money damages against Defendants K Mart Corporation,  
K-Mart Center Limited Partnership, BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and  
Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc., as well as fictitious entities and persons acting as  
employees and/or agents of each named and unnamed entity. The corporate defendants as  
well as relevant employees and/or agents knew, should have known, caused and/or allowed  
an unreasonably hazardous and dangerous condition to exist without warning on a shelf  
displaying large bottles of soft drink products for sale at a K Mart store in Phoenix, Arizona

1 that was open to the public. Plaintiff Jose Acosta was injured when unsafely displayed  
2 bottles of a soft drink fell upon him, knocked him to the floor and caused significant resulting  
3 injuries.

4 **PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

5 2. Plaintiff Jose Acosta was at all times relevant herein and is currently a resident  
6 of Maricopa County, Arizona.

7 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant K Mart Corporation was at all times  
8 relevant herein and remains a corporation organized pursuant to the laws of and domiciled  
9 in Michigan.

10 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant K-Mart Center Limited Partnership  
11 was at all times relevant herein and remains a limited partnership organized pursuant to the  
12 laws of and domiciled in Arizona.

13 5. Upon information and belief, Defendant BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of  
14 Los Angeles was at all times relevant herein and remains a corporation organized pursuant  
15 to the laws of and domiciled in Delaware. Upon information and belief, Defendant BCI  
16 Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles produced and bottled Dr. Pepper in various  
17 packages for retail sale in Phoenix, Arizona at times relevant to this Complaint.

18 6. Upon information and belief, Defendant Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc.,  
19 was at all times relevant herein and remains a corporation organized pursuant to the laws of  
20 and domiciled in Delaware. Upon information and belief, Defendant Coca-Cola  
21 Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. produced and bottled Dr. Pepper in various packages for retail sale  
22 in Phoenix, Arizona at times relevant to this Complaint.

23 7. Defendants John Doe I-X and Black & White Entity I-X are being sued herein  
24 as fictitious defendants whose true names, citizenships and/or relationships to the subject  
25 matter of this claim are unknown or unclear to the Plaintiff at this time. Such fictitiously  
26 named defendants include relevant employees and agents of Defendants K Mart Corporation,  
27 K-Mart Center Limited Partnership, BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and  
28 Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. who engaged in actions and/or omissions on the

1 premises of the K Mart store which is the subject of this lawsuit. Plaintiff will seek leave to  
2 amend this Complaint when the true names, citizenships and relationships to the subject  
3 matter of this Complaint become so know to her.

4 8. Defendants K Mart Corporation, K-Mart Center Limited Partnership, BCI  
5 Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. were  
6 at all times relevant herein and are currently residents and/or doing business in Maricopa  
7 County, Arizona.

8 9. The actions of all Defendants relevant to the Complaint herein occurred in  
9 Maricopa County, Arizona.

10 10. Damages sought by the Plaintiff exceed the jurisdictional minimum established  
11 for filing this action in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County of  
12 Maricopa.

13 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

14 11. At all times relevant herein, Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart  
15 Center Limited Partnership owned and/or maintained possession and control of commercial  
16 property located at 2526 W. Northern Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona (hereinafter "the  
17 premises"). The premises were operated as a K Mart store open to the public for retail sales.

18 12. Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited Partnership  
19 maintained the premises on and in which the incident occurred that is described in this  
20 Complaint.

21 13. In opening the premises to the public for retail shopping, Defendants  
22 K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited Partnership as well as employees and/or  
23 agents thereof allowed sales displays of soft drink products, including those produced by  
24 Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments  
25 U.S.A. Inc., that did not allow large bottles to be safely removed by customers in areas which  
26 were open to the public. Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited  
27 Partnership knew or should have known that allowing large bottles of soft drinks to be  
28 offered for sale and removal by customers from shelves that were sticky and/or otherwise

1 hindered removal, particularly Dr. Pepper and other products produced and stocked by  
2 Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments  
3 U.S.A. Inc., would almost certainly and repeatedly create unreasonably hazardous and  
4 dangerous conditions in which those utilizing the property could be injured by using more  
5 force than normally necessary to remove such products from clean and obstruction-free  
6 shelves and causing bottles to fall on customers from such display shelves.

7 14. Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola  
8 Refreshments U.S.A. Inc., produced soft drink products and maintained the sales displays of  
9 such products including two liter bottles of Dr. Pepper which were placed on shelves, offered  
10 for sale and removal by customers from shelves that were sticky and/or otherwise hindered  
11 removal at times relevant to this Complaint.

12 15. On May 7, 2015, Plaintiff Jose Acosta was present as an invitee and shopping  
13 in the K Mart store located at 2526 W. Northern Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona. While on the  
14 premises, Plaintiff Acosta was shopping for Dr. Pepper stored in two liter bottles.

15 16. At that same time, and without warning and/or correction, the Defendants K  
16 Mart Corporation, K-Mart Center Limited Partnership, BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company  
17 of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc., had allowed two liter bottles of Dr.  
18 Pepper and other products to be displayed for sale and removal by customers from shelves  
19 that were sticky and/or otherwise hindered removal. Defendants K Mart Corporation, K-  
20 Mart Center Limited Partnership, BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and  
21 Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc., knew or should have known that display of such  
22 products offered for sale and removal from shelves created at that time an unreasonably  
23 hazardous and dangerous condition in which those seeking to purchase two liter bottles of  
24 Dr. Pepper and other products could be injured by using more force than normally necessary  
25 to attempt removal of such products from clean and obstruction-free shelves and, in doing  
26 so, causing bottles to fall on customers from such display shelves.

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1           17.    The shelves that were sticky and/or otherwise hindered removal of two liter  
2 bottles of Dr. Pepper and other products which existed while Plaintiff Acosta was shopping  
3 for such products in that area of the K Mart store was an unreasonably dangerous condition.

4           18.    Existence of shelves that were sticky and/or otherwise hindered removal of two  
5 liter bottles of Dr. Pepper and other products in the K Mart store was an unreasonably  
6 dangerous condition that all Defendants knew or should have reasonably foreseen might  
7 endanger an invitee such as Plaintiff Jose Acosta.

8           19.    As Plaintiff Acosta attempted to remove a two liter bottle of Dr. Pepper for  
9 purchase, he was unable to do so using force normally required to remove such product from  
10 clean and obstruction-free shelves. One or more heavy soft drink bottles broke free and fell  
11 from the shelf striking Plaintiff Acosta. As he was struck, Plaintiff Acosta then twisted, fell  
12 and immediately experienced pain in certain parts of his body. He subsequently identified  
13 pain and related conditions in other areas of his body associated with the incident in which  
14 he was struck by one or more large bottles of soft drink from the shelf upon which two liter  
15 bottles of Dr. Pepper and other products were displayed for sale.

16           20.    In being struck by one or more falling bottles of soft drink, twisting and  
17 falling in the K Mart store, Plaintiff Jose Acosta suffered serious, significant and permanent  
18 injuries which required surgical intervention.

19           21.    The Defendants, and each of them, individually and collectively, knew and/or  
20 should have known of the unreasonably hazardous and dangerous condition and failed to  
21 properly warn the public, remedy the condition, install and maintain proper shelving and/or  
22 arrange the products for safe access by customers including Plaintiff Acosta.

23           22.    The incident described in this Complaint was in no way caused by Plaintiff  
24 Jose Acosta.

25                           **COUNT ONE**

26                           **(Negligence, Premises Liability)**

27           23.    Plaintiff realleges allegations of paragraphs 1-22 of this Complaint as if fully  
28 set forth herein.



1           30.       Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola  
2 Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. as well as their employees and agents had a duty to use reasonable  
3 care to foresee, discover, warn of and correct the unreasonably dangerous condition existing  
4 on and as the shelf displaying large bottles of Dr. Pepper and other products for sale to the  
5 public in the K. Mart store.

6 31. Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola  
7 Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. as well as their employees and agents breached their respective  
8 duties when they failed to provide and maintain reasonably safe premises as well as when  
9 they failed to foresee, discover, warn of and correct the unreasonably dangerous condition  
10 existing on and as the shelf displaying large bottles of Dr. Pepper and other products for sale  
11 to the public in the K Mart store.

12           32.     Said breach of duties by Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los  
13 Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. as well as their employees and agents  
14 directly and proximately caused damages to Plaintiff Jose Acosta.

15 **COUNT THREE**

16 (Negligent Supervision)

17        33. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 32 of this Complaint  
18 as if fully set forth herein.

34. By way of the conduct and factual allegations contained in this Complaint, Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited Partnership as well as their supervisory employees and agents were negligent in setting and following business policies for as well as accomplishing training and supervision of employees, agents and contractors of Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited Partnership in relation to operating and maintaining the premises of the K Mart store described in this Complaint.

35. Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited Partnership as well as their supervisory employees and agents owed Plaintiff Jose Acosta the duty of due care in the supervision of employees in operating and maintaining the premises of the K Mart store described in this Complaint.



36. Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited Partnership as well as their supervisory employees and agents breached their duty of due care as to Plaintiff Jose Acosta by the above-stated negligent supervision of others and their activities pursuant to business policies and applicable law.

37. Said breaches of duty by Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited Partnership as well as their supervisory employees and agents directly and proximately caused damages to Plaintiff Jose Acosta.

38. Although styled as a single count, this Count includes as individual actionable occurrences all separate actions by Defendants K Mart Corporation and K-Mart Center Limited Partnership as well as their supervisory employees and agents.

COUNT FOUR

**(Negligent Supervision)**

39. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 38 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

40. By way of the conduct and factual allegations contained in this Complaint, Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. as well as their supervisory employees and agents were negligent in setting and following its business policies for as well as accomplishing training and supervision of employees, agents and contractors of Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. in relation to operating and maintaining the premises upon which products produced by such defendants, including, but not limited to, two liter bottles of Dr. Pepper, were displayed and offered by sale within the K Mart store described in this Complaint.

41. Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. as well as their supervisory employees and agents owed Plaintiff Jose Acosta the duty of due care in the supervision of its employees in operating and maintaining the premises upon which products produced by such defendants, including, but

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1 not limited to, two liter bottles of Dr. Pepper, were displayed and offered by sale within the  
2 K Mart store described in this Complaint.

3 42. Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and Coca-Cola  
4 Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. as well as their supervisory employees and agents breached their  
5 duty of due care as to Plaintiff by the above-stated negligent supervision of others and their  
6 activities pursuant to business policies and applicable law.

7 43. Said breaches of duty by Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los  
8 Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. as well as their supervisory employees and  
9 agents directly and proximately caused damages to Plaintiff Jose Acosta.

10 44. Although styled as a single count, this Count includes as individual actionable  
11 occurrences all separate actions by Defendants BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los  
12 Angeles and Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. as well as their supervisory employees and  
13 agents.

#### 14 DAMAGES

15 45. All Defendants directly and proximately caused Plaintiff Jose Acosta to suffer  
16 extreme and lasting physical injuries as well as pain and suffering. Such damages will  
17 be shown at the time of trial in this matter. All such injuries impaired Plaintiff Acosta's  
18 bodily functions and abilities to perform within a normal context on every-day tasks.

19 46. All Defendants directly and proximately caused Plaintiff Jose Acosta to incur  
20 expenses for medical care, said damages all in an amount to be proven at time of trial.

21 47. All Defendants directly and proximately caused Plaintiff Jose Acosta to suffer  
22 consequential losses in an amount to be proven at the time of trial.

23 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Jose Acosta prays for judgment against Defendants K Mart  
24 Corporation, K-Mart Center Limited Partnership, BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los  
25 Angeles, Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc., John Doe I-X and Black & White Entity I-X  
26 as follows:

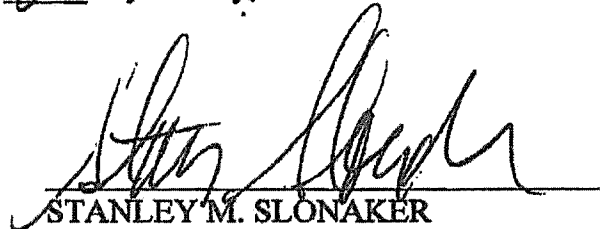
27 A. For appropriate special damages in an amount to be proven at the time of trial  
28 in this matter.

1 B. For appropriate general compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at  
2 the time of trial in this matter; and

3 C. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and fair under the  
4 circumstances of this case.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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## **EXHIBIT B**

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9 **KMART CORPORATION (Erroneously sued herein**  
10 **as K Mart Corporation; K-Mart Center Limited**  
11 **Partnership)**

12 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**  
13 **COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

14 JOSE ACOSTA,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 K MART CORPORATION, a foreign  
18 corporation, K-MART CENTER  
19 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, an Arizona  
20 limited partnership, BCI COCA-COLA  
21 BOTTLING COMPANY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES, a foreign corporation,  
23 COCA-COLA REFRESHMENTS U.S.A.  
24 INC., a foreign corporation, JOHN DOE  
25 I-X, BLACK & WHITE ENTITY I-X,

26 Defendants.

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**DEFENDANT KMART  
CORPORATION'S ANSWER TO  
PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

Assigned to the Honorable: Karen Mullins

27 Defendant KMART CORPORATION (Erroneously sued herein as K Mart  
28 Corporation; K-Mart Center Limited Partnership) ("Defendant"), by and through  
undersigned counsel, for its Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, admits, denies and alleges as  
follows:

Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, of the allegations contained in  
Plaintiff's Complaint and each claim for relief thereof which is not herein after expressly  
admitted or otherwise pled to.

1. As to paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's complaint, without admitting to the merits of  
Plaintiff's allegations in his paragraph 1, titled introduction to the complaint, Defendant

1 admits that Plaintiff's complaint is against different fictitious entities. Defendant further  
2 admits that it displayed soft drink products for sale in its store located in Phoenix Arizona.  
3 However, as to the remaining allegations contained within this paragraph of the  
4 complaint, Defendant denies that an unreasonably dangerous condition existed at the time  
5 of the incident, and/or that this Defendant caused Plaintiff any harm. As to the nature and  
6 extent of Plaintiff's alleged injuries, Defendant lacks sufficient information to form a  
7 belief as to the truth of these allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Complaint  
8 and therefore denies same.

9 2. As to paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's complaint, this paragraph contains legal  
10 assertions or conclusions as to Plaintiff's residence to which no responsive pleading is  
11 required.

12 3. As to paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant admits its corporation  
13 status domiciled in Michigan.

14 4. As to paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's complaint, K-Mart Center Limited  
15 Partnership is an improper party in this matter and Kmart Corporation is the appropriate  
16 corporate entity.

17 5. As to paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
18 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
19 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

20 6. As to paragraph 6 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
21 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
22 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

23 7. As to paragraph 7 of Plaintiff's complaint, this paragraph contains legal  
24 assertions or conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required at this time.

25 8. As to paragraph 8 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant admits that it conducts  
26 business in Maricopa County, Arizona.

27 9. As to paragraph 9 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant admits that the facts  
28 giving raise to this action are alleged to have occurred in Maricopa County, Arizona.

1           10. As to paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's complaint, it contains legal assertions or  
2 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required.

3           11. As to paragraph 11 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant admits that it  
4 operates a Kmart store located at 2526 W. Northern Avenue, in Phoenix, Arizona.

5           12. As to paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant admits that it  
6 maintains the premises where the alleged incident occurred.

7           13. As to paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant admits that it  
8 displays and sells soft drinks within its store, but denies the remaining allegations of  
9 wrongdoing contained within this paragraph.

10           14. As to paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
11 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
12 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

13           15. As to paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant admits that Plaintiff  
14 was visiting its store on the date referenced within this paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint.

15           16. As to paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies that it created  
16 or allowed to exist an unreasonably dangerous condition that caused Plaintiff harm.

17           17. As to paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies the  
18 allegations contained therein.

19           18. As to paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies the  
20 allegations contained therein.

21           19. As to paragraph 19 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies the  
22 allegations as phrased by Plaintiff.

23           20. As to paragraph 20 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
24 information to form a belief as to the extent of Plaintiff's injuries and therefore denies  
25 same.

26           21. As to paragraph 21 of Plaintiff's complaint, contains legal assertions or  
27 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required.

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1           22. As to paragraph 22 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies the  
2 allegations contained therein.

3           23. As to paragraph 23 of Plaintiff's complaint, contains legal assertions or  
4 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required.

5           24. As to paragraph 24 of Plaintiff's complaint, contains legal assertions or  
6 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required.

7           25. As to paragraph 25 of Plaintiff's complaint, contains legal assertions or  
8 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required. As to Plaintiff's allegation of  
9 the existence of an unreasonable dangerous condition, Defendant denies same.

10          26. As to paragraph 26 of Plaintiff's complaint, contains legal assertions or  
11 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required. As to Plaintiff's allegation of  
12 the existence of an unreasonable dangerous condition, Defendant denies same. Defendant  
13 denies further denies Plaintiff's allegations stating that Defendant breached its duty of  
14 care to its patrons and that it acted negligently and failed to exercise reasonable care.

15          27. As to paragraph 27 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies Plaintiff's  
16 allegations stating that Defendant breached its duty of care to its patrons. Defendant  
17 further denies that it caused Plaintiff harm.

18          28. As to paragraph 28 of Plaintiff's complaint, contains legal assertions or  
19 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required.

20          29. As to paragraph 29 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
21 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
22 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

23          30. As to paragraph 30 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
24 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
25 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

26          31. As to paragraph 31 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
27 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
28 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).



1 32. As to paragraph 32 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
2 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
3 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

4 33. As to paragraph 33 of Plaintiff's complaint, contains legal assertions or  
5 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required.

6 34. As to paragraph 34 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies them.

7 35. As to paragraph 35 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies them.

8 36. As to paragraph 36 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies them.

9 37. As to paragraph 37 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies them.

10 38. As to paragraph 38 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies them.

11 39. As to paragraph 38 of Plaintiff's complaint, contains legal assertions or  
12 conclusions to which no responsive pleading is required.

13 40. As to paragraph 40 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
14 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
15 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

16 41. As to paragraph 41 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
17 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
18 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

19 42. As to paragraph 42 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
20 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
21 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

22 43. As to paragraph 43 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
23 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
24 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

25 44. As to paragraph 44 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant lacks sufficient  
26 information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained within this  
27 paragraph as it relates to other corporate Defendant(s).

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1           45. As to paragraph 45 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies causing  
2 Plaintiff any harm. As to Plaintiff's allegations of physical injuries and the extent of  
3 these, Defendant lacks sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of these  
4 allegations as they relate to Plaintiff's subjective mindset and belief and therefore denies  
5 same.

6           46. As to paragraph 46 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies causing  
7 Plaintiff any harm. As to Plaintiff's allegations of incurring in certain medical expenses,  
8 Defendant lacks sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of these allegations  
9 as they relate to Plaintiff's subjective mindset and belief and therefore denies same.

10           47. As to paragraph 47 of Plaintiff's complaint, Defendant denies causing  
11 Plaintiff any harm. As to Plaintiff's allegations of suffering consequential losses,  
12 Defendant lacks sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of these allegations  
13 as they relate to Plaintiff's subjective mindset and belief and therefore denies same.

14           Defendant lacks sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the  
15 allegations and damages claims contained within Plaintiff's prayer for damages, and  
16 therefore denies responsibility for such damages as pled at this time.

17                                   **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

18           1. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges, upon  
19 information and belief, that Plaintiff has failed to mitigate her damages or avoid  
20 consequences leading to Plaintiff's alleged injuries, all of which bars or reduces recovery  
21 to the Plaintiff from Defendant.

22           2. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that  
23 Plaintiff's alleged injuries may be the result of pre-existing injuries or medical conditions  
24 unrelated to those alleged to have occurred in the subject accident which may bar recovery  
25 or reduce recovery to the Plaintiff herein from Defendant.

26           3. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that  
27 Plaintiff was contributorily negligent and/or any injuries received by Plaintiff was the  
28 result of an intervening/superseding cause or occurred as a result of the negligence of

1 someone other than Defendant, all of which bars recovery to Plaintiff herein from  
2 Defendant.

3 4. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that  
4 Plaintiff was negligent, in whole or in part, thereby reducing or eliminating any damages  
5 owing by Defendant by way of comparative negligence.

6 5. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that  
7 Plaintiff assumed the risk of her damages, acted in direct and intentional violation of  
8 Arizona law, and acted intentionally and knowingly, jeopardizing her safety and well-  
9 being, all of which bar recovery or reduce recovery to the Plaintiff herein from Defendant.

10 6. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that  
11 if, indeed, it is determined to be liable for the allegations alleged in the Complaint, then  
12 Defendant is entitled to contribution from other Defendants, named and unnamed, by way  
13 of the doctrine of contribution.

14 7. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that  
15 Plaintiff was a trespasser on the premises; as such, any duty owed to Plaintiff was to  
16 refrain from intentionally injuring Plaintiff.

17 8. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that it  
18 did not breach any applicable duty or standard of care to Plaintiff.

19 9. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges it  
20 exercised due care with regards to Plaintiff's safety and the safety of the patrons within its  
21 store.

22 10. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that  
23 the condition that caused Plaintiff's alleged harm was open and obvious, and readily  
24 apparent to any individual patrons exercising due care on their own behalf.

25 11. As and for a separate defense and in the alternative, Defendant alleges that it  
26 had no actual or constructive notice of the condition that allegedly caused Plaintiff's harm,  
27 and therefore cannot be liable to Plaintiff for any damages sustained as a consequence of  
28 the alleged dangerous condition's existence.

1 WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendant prays that  
2 same be dismissed, and that Defendant be awarded its costs herein. Defendant demands a  
3 jury trial as to all triable issues.

4 Respectfully submitted,

5 **PETTIT KOHN INGRASSIA LUTZ & DOLIN PC**

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7 Dated: August 22, 2017

8 By: /s/  
Grant D. Waterkotte, Esq.  
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9 **KMART CORPORATION**

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8 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**  
9 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

10 JOSE ACOSTA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 KMART CORPORATION, a foreign  
14 corporation, K-MART CENTER  
15 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, an Arizona  
16 limited partnership, BCI COCA-COLA  
17 BOTTLING COMPANY OF LOS  
18 ANGELES, a foreign corporation,  
19 COCA-COLA REFRESHMENTS U.S.A.  
INC., a foreign corporation, JOHN DOE  
I-X, BLACK & WHITE ENTITY I-X,

Defendants.

Case No. CV2017-006938

**BCI COCA-COLA BOTTLING  
COMPANY OF LOS ANGELES'S  
ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S  
COMPLAINT**

(Assigned to the Hon. Karen Mullins)

20 Defendant BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles ("BCI") for its separate  
21 Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint ("Complaint"), denies each matter alleged against BCI  
22 except those matters specifically admitted or qualifiedly answered below, and hereby  
23 answers plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

24 **INTRODUCTION**

25 1. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 1 of the Complaint that are directed at  
26 BCI. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action.  
27 To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without  
28 knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

**PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

2. BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.

3. BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.

4. BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 4 of the Complaint.

5. BCI admits that it is a Delaware corporation registered in the State of Arizona; and admits that BCI distributes Dr. Pepper to certain entities in Phoenix, Arizona. BCI denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 5 of the Complaint.

6. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 6 and denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action.

7. Paragraph 7 does not appear to contain any allegations against BCI and therefore no response is required. To the extent that paragraph 7 of the Complaint contains any allegations against BCI, they are denied.

8. BCI admits that it is authorized to conduct business in the State of Arizona. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

9. BCI admits that this purports to be an action relating to an incident that occurred in Maricopa County. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations. BCI denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 9 of the Complaint.

10. BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 10 of the Complaint but denies liability for the matters alleged in the Complaint.

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**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

11. BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

12. BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.

13. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 13 of the Complaint that are directed at BCI. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

14. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 14 of the Complaint and denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action.

15. The allegations in paragraph 15 of the Complaint state a legal conclusion for which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, BCI denies the matters alleged in paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

16. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 16 of the Complaint that are directed at BCI. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

17. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 17 of the Complaint that are directed at BCI. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

18. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 18 of the Complaint that are directed at BCI. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

19. BCI admits that this action purports to be regarding an alleged incident that occurred at K-Mart located at 2526 W. Northern Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 7, 2015 (“subject incident”); and admits that plaintiff alleges he was injured as a result of the



1 subject incident. BCI denies liability for the matters alleged in paragraph 19 and denies all  
2 remaining allegations in paragraph 19 of the Complaint.

3 20. BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the  
4 truth of the allegations in paragraph 20 pertaining to plaintiff's alleged injuries but denies  
5 liability for the matters alleged in paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

6 21. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 21 of the Complaint that are directed at  
7 BCI. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action.  
8 To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without  
9 knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

10 22. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 22 of the Complaint.

11 **COUNT ONE**

12 **(Negligence, Premises Liability)**

13 23. In response to paragraph 23 of the Complaint, BCI incorporates herein by  
14 reference its responses to paragraph 1 through 22.

15 24. The allegations in paragraph 24 of the Complaint are directed at other  
16 defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

17 25. The allegations in paragraph 25 of the Complaint are directed at other  
18 defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

19 26. The allegations in paragraph 26 of the Complaint are directed at other  
20 defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

21 27. The allegations in paragraph 27 of the Complaint are directed at other  
22 defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

23 **COUNT TWO**

24 **(Negligence, Premises Liability)**

25 28. In response to paragraph 28 of the Complaint, BCI incorporates herein by  
26 reference its responses to paragraph 1 through 27.

27 29. BCI denies any duty to plaintiff except those duties imposed by law; and  
28 denies any liability for breach of any duty alleged or implied in paragraph 29 of the

1 Complaint. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party to this  
2 action and denies that BCI or Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. or their business  
3 activities are collectively or jointly engaged in the matters alleged in the Complaint. BCI  
4 denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 29 of the Complaint.

5 30. BCI denies any duty to plaintiff except those duties imposed by law; and  
6 denies any liability for breach of any duty alleged or implied in paragraph 30 of the  
7 Complaint. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party to this  
8 action and denies that BCI or Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. or their business  
9 activities are collectively or jointly engaged in the matters alleged in the Complaint. BCI  
10 denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 30 of the Complaint.

11 31. BCI denies any duty to plaintiff except those duties imposed by law; and  
12 denies any liability for breach of any duty alleged or implied in paragraph 31 of the  
13 Complaint. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party to this  
14 action and denies that BCI or Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. or their business  
15 activities are collectively or jointly engaged in the matters alleged in the Complaint. BCI  
16 denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 31 of the Complaint.

17 32. BCI denies any duty to plaintiff except those duties imposed by law; and  
18 denies any liability for breach of any duty alleged or implied in paragraph 32 of the  
19 Complaint. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party to this  
20 action and denies that BCI or Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. or their business  
21 activities are collectively or jointly engaged in the matters alleged in the Complaint. BCI  
22 denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 32 of the Complaint.

23 **COUNT THREE**

24 **(Negligent Supervision)**

25 33. In response to paragraph 33 of the Complaint, BCI incorporates herein by  
26 reference its responses to paragraph 1 through 32.

27 34. The allegations in paragraph 34 of the Complaint are directed at other  
28 defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

35. The allegations in paragraph 35 of the Complaint are directed at other defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

36. The allegations in paragraph 36 of the Complaint are directed at other defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

37. The allegations in paragraph 37 of the Complaint are directed at other defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

38. The allegations in paragraph 38 of the Complaint are directed at other defendants. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at BCI, they are denied.

**COUNT FOUR**

**(Negligent Supervision)**

39. In response to paragraph 39 of the Complaint, BCI incorporates herein by reference its responses to paragraph 1 through 38.

40. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 40 of the Complaint.

41. BCI denies any duty to plaintiff except those duties imposed by law; and denies any liability for breach of any duty alleged or implied in paragraph 41 of the Complaint. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party to this action and denies that BCI or Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. or their business activities are collectively or jointly engaged in the matters alleged in the Complaint. BCI denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 41 of the Complaint.

42. BCI denies any duty to plaintiff except those duties imposed by law; and denies any liability for breach of any duty alleged or implied in paragraph 42 of the Complaint. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party to this action and denies that BCI or Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. or their business activities are collectively or jointly engaged in the matters alleged in the Complaint. BCI denies all remaining allegations in paragraph 42 of the Complaint.

43. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 43 of the Complaint.

44. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 44 of the Complaint.

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**DAMAGES**

45. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 45 of the Complaint that are directed at BCI. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

46. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 46 of the Complaint that are directed at BCI. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

47. BCI denies the allegations in paragraph 47 of the Complaint that are directed at BCI. BCI denies that Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A. Inc. is a proper party in this action. To the extent any of the allegations are directed at other defendants, BCI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations. BCI also denies plaintiff's prayer for judgment following paragraph 47 of the Complaint.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

For its separate, alternative, and affirmative defenses, BCI alleges as follows:

1. Plaintiff's Complaint against BCI may be subject to dismissal, in whole or in part, pursuant to Rule 12(b), Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure for, among other things, failure to state a claim for which relief can be granted.

2. To the extent that plaintiff failed to file any of his causes of action within the applicable statute of limitations, those claims are time barred.

3. BCI alleges that plaintiff's alleged injuries and damages, if any, may have been the result of plaintiff's own negligence, carelessness, inattention, assumption of risk, or otherwise wrongful and unsafe act; and plaintiff's damages, if any, should be reduced or eliminated by his percentage of negligence and fault under the doctrine of comparative fault.

4. BCI alleges that any damages sustained or incurred by plaintiff were the result of, and were caused solely and proximately by, the act, fault, conduct, or negligence of persons or entities other than this answering defendant; such negligence, fault, act, or conduct was of a character as not reasonable to be expected to happen in the natural

1 intervening, and superseding cause and therefore the sole proximate cause of any such  
2 damage, thus relieving BCI of any liability.

3 5. BCI alleges that plaintiff may have failed to reasonably mitigate his damages.

4 6. There may be lack of joinder of one or more indispensable parties who should  
5 and must be joined, and without joinder of these proper parties, complete relief cannot be  
6 accorded among those already attempted to be made parties to this civil action.

7 7. To the extent that plaintiff has received payment from any alleged joint  
8 tortfeasor in full satisfaction of any of his alleged injuries and/or claims against BCI and/or  
9 any other alleged joint tortfeasor, plaintiff's Complaint is barred by the defenses of payment  
10 and accord and satisfaction.

11 8. BCI affirmatively alleges that plaintiff's injuries and damages, if any, were  
12 caused or contributed to by the negligence of plaintiff, his agents or employees, or the joint  
13 or concurrent negligence of the plaintiff, or his agents or employees and other persons, firms,  
14 corporation, or body politics over whom this answering defendant had no control or right of  
15 control, and that this comparative negligence bars any recovery by plaintiff.

16 9. BCI affirmatively alleges that plaintiff's damages, if any, must be reduced by  
17 the comparative fault of plaintiff, and other persons, including responsible non-parties  
18 pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-501 et seq.

19 10. BCI affirmatively alleges that plaintiff's recovery of damages and losses, if  
20 any, must be reduced by the amounts received from collateral sources.

21 11. BCI affirmatively alleges that plaintiff's recovery of damages and losses, if  
22 any, are subject to applicable constitutional and statutory caps and limitations.

23 12. BCI affirmatively alleges that plaintiff assumed the risk of injuries and  
24 damages claimed as a result of the events set forth in plaintiff's Complaint and plaintiff's  
25 assumption of the risk bars plaintiff's recovery.

26 13. BCI expressly preserves and does not knowingly or intentionally waive any of  
27 the other affirmative defenses set forth in Rule 8, Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure or in  
28

1 A.R.S. § 12-683, which discovery may reveal to be applicable, or any other matter  
2 constituting an avoidance or affirmative defense.

3 WHEREFORE, Defendant BCI requests that plaintiff take nothing by his Complaint  
4 and that the same be dismissed with prejudice on the merits, that BCI has and recover its  
5 costs, disbursements, and attorney fees incurred in this matter, and that BCI receives all other  
6 relief that the Court deems to be just and reasonable.

7 DATED this 13th day of October, 2017.

8 BOWMAN AND BROOKE LLP

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## **EXHIBIT D**

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MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2017-006938

10/19/2018

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JOSE ACOSTA

STANLEY M SLONAKER

v.

K MART CORPORATION, et al.

GRANT D WATERKOTTE

IMAN RITA SOLIMAN  
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE  
RESOLUTION - CCC  
JUDGE J. SMITH

MINUTE ENTRY

The Court received notification that a petition under the Bankruptcy Code has been filed by **Defendant Kmart Corporation** (debtor) in case number 18-23538 (RDD).

**IT IS ORDERED** placing this case/claim(s) on the Dismissal Calendar until **April 15, 2019**, as to **Defendant Kmart Corporation** (debtor). This case/claim(s) will be dismissed on **April 15, 2019**, unless prior to the scheduled dismissal date Plaintiff demonstrates he has moved to lift the stay but the request has not been ruled upon or has been denied; or he has sought to reduce the claim(s) against the debtor to judgment in the Bankruptcy Court in an adversary proceeding and the adversary proceeding has not yet been resolved despite diligence in seeking such a resolution; or he has obtained severance of the claim(s) against the debtor from the claim(s) against the other parties to the action, if any; or he has demonstrated a reasonable basis for continuance of the case on the dismissal calendar.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** vacating the telephonic trial setting conference set for February 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in this division.



## **EXHIBIT E**

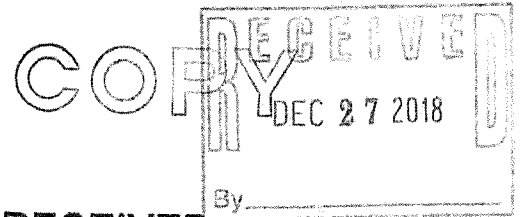
Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor 1 Sears Holdings Corporation, et al.,

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of New York

Case number 18-23538 (RDD)



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Official Form 410  
**Proof of Claim**

PRIME CLERK LLC

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

**Part 1: Identify the Claim**

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| 1. Who is the current creditor?  | <u>Jose Acosta</u><br>Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)<br>Other names the creditor used with the debtor _____  |  |
| 2. Has this claim been acquired from someone else?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. From whom? _____  |  |
| 3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?<br><br>Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g) | Where should notices to the creditor be sent?<br><u>Stanley M. Slonaker Attorney at Law</u><br>Name<br><u>343 W. Roosevelt Street, Suite 210</u><br>Number Street<br><u>Phoenix, AZ 85003</u><br>City State ZIP Code<br>Contact phone <u>(602) 258-1121</u><br>Contact email <u>Stan@SSlonaker.us</u> | Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)<br>Name _____<br>Number Street _____<br>City State ZIP Code _____<br>Contact phone _____<br>Contact email _____<br>Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you use one):<br>_____ |
| 4. Does this claim amend one already filed?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ Filed on ____ / ____ / ____  |  |
| 5. Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____  |  |

**Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed**

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor? ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: \_\_\_\_\_

7. How much is the claim? \$ undetermined Does this amount include interest or other charges?  
☒ No  
☐ Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. What is the basis of the claim? Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.  
Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).  
Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.  
Personal Injury, see attached Summons, Complaint and Answer

9. Is all or part of the claim secured? ☒ No  
☐ Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.  
Nature of property:  
☐ Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.  
☐ Motor vehicle  
☐ Other. Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
Basis for perfection: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)  
Value of property: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of the claim that is secured: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of the claim that is unsecured: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amounts should match the amount in line 7.)  
Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed) \_\_\_\_\_ %  
☐ Fixed  
☐ Variable

10. Is this claim based on a lease? ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff? ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Identify the property: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Check one:

☐ Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).

☐ Up to \$2,850\* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).

☐ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$12,850\*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).

☐ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).

☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).

☐ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)( ) that applies.

Amount entitled to priority

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

**Part 3: Sign Below**

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

☐ I am the creditor.

☒ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.

☐ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.

☐ I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 11/30/2018  
MM / DD / YYYY

  
Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name Stanley Myron Slonaker  
First name Middle name Last name

Title Attorney for Jose Acosta

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

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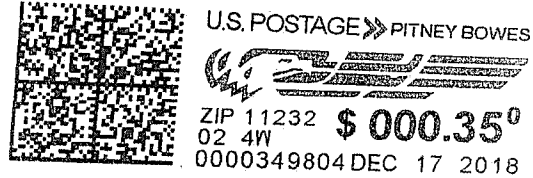
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## **EXHIBIT F**

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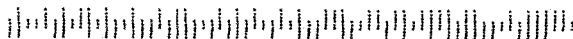
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